

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF  
GIROUARD et al.  
Appln. No.: 09/472,134  
Filed: December 23, 1999  
Title: SNOWMOBILE

Confirmation No.: Unknown  
Group Art Unit: 3618  
Examiner: Anne Marie Boehler



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**AMENDMENT**

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 22, 2001, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 9, replace the paragraph at lines 9-21 with the following new paragraph:

When rider 126 is on snowmobile 110, the rider will be positioned on seat 128 so that he occupies seat position 130. Seat position 130 is the point at which the weight of the rider 126 is exerted on the seat 128. This point may vary from rider to rider, given changes in height and weight from one rider to another. In cases of difficulty, it may be determined by taking a 50-percentile United States human male (having a weight of 174.8 pounds and dimensions as shown in FIGS. 19 and 20), placing him on the snowmobile in the position shown in the Figures (*i.e.*, that approximate the position of a rider a few seconds after starting the vehicle, heading straight ahead on a flat terrain), and drawing a line from his shoulder through his hip. (For purposes of this discussion, a standard person is illustrated in FIGS. 19 and 20.) The intersection of that line with the seat may be considered to be the seat position

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REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

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D. <input type="checkbox"/> made previously	

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2. Total Effective Claims	68	**minus 87	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims	22	***minus 27	0	x \$80/\$40 =	+ \$0	102/202
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5. Original due Date: September 22, 2001	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
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9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee .....		+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0			148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), ..... or if Rule 97(d) Request .....	add add	+ \$180 + \$180	+ \$0			126 126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) .....		+ \$710/355	+ \$0			146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b).....		x \$710/355 ea	+ \$0			149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) .....		+ \$710/355	+ \$0			1179/1279
14. Petition fee for .....			+ \$0			
15.		TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =	\$0			

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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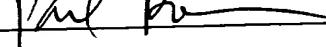
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